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Arizona Department of Public Safety Officers seized a vehicle containing approximately 20 Kilos of Cocaine.

This morning at approximately 7:40 am, Sergeant Kevin Jex was on patrol on I-17 northbound in the area of Anthem. Sergeant Jex observed a silver, Ford Pick-up that was traveling northbound and following too close to other vehicles. A traffic stop was initiated in the area of MP 227.

While Sergeant Jex was interviewing the driver, identified as Daniel Edward Sonsie of British Columbia, Canada, he became suspicious of the responses the driver gave to several questions. Based on Sergeant Jex's suspicions, a consent was requested from the driver, which he voluntarily complied. With the assistance of a Phoenix Police Department Canine unit, a search was conducted of the vehicle, wherein the Canine alerted to the area of the bed of the truck. Further search of that area revealed the 20 Kilos of high grade Cocaine. The Cocaine has a street value of over \$300,000.

It is believed the driver had obtained the Cocaine in Mexico on Tuesday, stayed overnight in the area of Phoenix and was on his way back to British Columbia to distribute the illicit drugs. The driver was arrested and the vehicle was seized.

The vehicle and Cocaine Kilos are available for viewing as well as an interview with Sergeant Kevin Jex.

Driver: Daniel Edward Sonsie, DOB 07-01-1981, of British Columbia, Canada

Charges:

- Possession Narcotics
- Possession of Narcotics for Sale
- Transportation of Narcotics for Sale.

The driver has been booked at the Maricopa County Adult Detention, Fourth Avenue Facility.

Vehicle: silver 2004 Ford F250 Pick-up, bearing a British Columbia license plate